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**Subject:** Re: Q on Colorado DRMS presence at GKM on August 5

**Deliberative Process/Ex. 5** We had met specifically to take a close look at the blockage from which we had cleared away the rubble the day before [ Deliberative Process/Ex. 5 ]

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**Deliberative Process/Ex. 5** to inspect the blockage and determine our next moves. We concluded the blockage appeared "structurally sound", as it were, and we would stay clear of it and work on clearing away the dirt hanging above in order to find the hard rock face. At that point they left the site to inspect the Mogal Mine and I proceeded to work on the dirt overhead with the ER crew and START member.

So they had been on site but had left about 30 or 45 minutes before the blowout occurred.

When that occurred there was three ER crew, one START member and myself.

Not sure about the pictures would have to look around...

Hays

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 24, 2015, at 12:13 PM, Mylott, Richard <[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'm looking through the media tracking sheet and see there are some old questions regarding who was physically working at the Gold King Mine site on August 5. I believe there is a general answer on the GKM website that states EPA, our contractor, and Colorado DRMS staff were present, but, in case this question persists, I wanted to confirm whether DRMS staff were physically present at the entrance or in the mine adit that day.

This is not for external use at this point, but can you clarify? Do we have pictures that confirm Colorado DRMS role and presence in site activity that day?

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